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Date of transcription 8/9/74

[redacted] Bright Homes, Incorporated, 1600 United States Highway 90, was contacted at his place of employment at which time he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that the nature of the investigation concerned a possible violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 610 as it pertains to contributions by corporations to the campaign committee of United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. Prior to any discussion, [redacted]
 [redacted] was orally advised of his rights by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] was informed that a copy of a check reportedly issued by Bright Homes, Incorporated, to the JAMES O. EASTLAND Campaign Committee in the amount of \$200 on May 15, 1972, was desired in connection with this investigation. [redacted] thereafter made available a copy of this check which is described as follows:

Issued by

Bright Homes, Incorporated
Post Office Box 1324
Pascagoula, Mississippi

Check Number

8869

Date

May 12, 1972

Payee

Jim Eastland Campaign Fund

Amount

\$200

Signed

[redacted]
 bearing stamp on back
 "credited to the account
 of the within named payee
 endorsement guaranteed
 First National Bank 85-27
 Jackson, Mississippi 85-27"

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The following background and descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name

Home Address

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Bak SAs [redacted] and
 by JOHN H. THOMPSON BDL:pjg Date dictated 8/9/74

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Sex
Race
Date of Birth
Place of Birth

Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion

Male
White

5'7"
165 pounds
Green
Blond
Medium

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Date of transcription 8/13/74

JOHN H. MOON, President, John H. Moon and Sons, Inc., Highway 51 North, Ridgeland, Mississippi, was contacted at his place of employment and advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry. MOON was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights form which he read, stated he understood and he voluntarily signed. He provided the following voluntary information:

MOON advised that he had located the original copy of Check Number 31688, drawn on the business account of JOHN H. MOON and Sons, Inc., at Mississippi Bank and Trust Company, Jackson, Mississippi, Account Number 95-1232-8. He stated this check is in the amount of \$1,000, that it is payable to the order of "Jim Eastland Campaign Fund" and that it is signed J. H. MOON. MOON advised that he recognized the signature at the bottom of this check as being his own.

MOON advised that he vaguely remembers having signed this check, but he stated he could not recall whether or not he knew the check was going to be used for a financial contribution to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND's 1972 campaign fund. MOON further stated that he did not specifically remember making such a financial contribution to Senator EASTLAND because of the time period between the present and the time the check was issued. MOON advised that this check did not have a date on the front of it to indicate the date it was issued.

MOON advised that he did not know that it was against Federal law for a corporation to make a financial contribution to a U. S. Senator and he stated if he had known, he would have made the contribution on his personal checking account.

MOON provided a Xerox copy of the above-described check.

Interviewed on 8/12/74 at Ridgeland, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-48

SA [redacted] and
by SA WAYNE P. TICHENOR WPT:cbw Date dictated 8/13/74
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[redacted] Attorney, after being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the investigation, prior to giving the interviewing Agent an opportunity to advise him of his rights, advised he had no knowledge of the Yandell Brothers Gin, Incorporated, making a \$200 donation to the JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign committee.

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[redacted] advised he was Resident Agent for service of process for the Yandell Brothers Gin, Incorporated, and he did not own any stock in the corporation. He further stated the gin was a simple Mississippi corporation.

After consulting with his employer by telephone, [redacted] advised he would send a photo-copy of the \$200 campaign contribution check to the FBI Resident Agency at Oxford, Mississippi.

Interviewed on 7/31/74 at Sumner, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-49
 by M SA [redacted]  GDB/gah Date dictated 8/5/74
SA [redacted]

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Date of transcription 8/10/74

[redacted] Enterprise Meat Company, telephonically contacted SA J. L. MARTIN and advised that he had located his check in the amount of \$500 payable to Senator JAMES EASTLAND's campaign fund. [redacted] advised that he would make a copy of this check available to SA MARTIN.

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On August 9, 1974, SA J. L. MARTIN personally contacted [redacted] Enterprise Meat Company, Highway 11, North, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where he was furnished with a copy of Enterprise Meat Company check number 4699 dated June 7, 1972, payable to Senator JIM EASTLAND in the amount of \$500.

Interviewed on 8/9/74 at Hattiesburg, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-52
by SA J. L. MARTIN/gah Date dictated 8/9/74

CARLTON & HENDERSON
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
SUMNER, MISS.
38987

C. SIDNEY CARLTON (1915-1966)
HARVEY HENDERSON

POST OFFICE BOX 218
TELEPHONE 375-8756
AREA CODE 601

August 8, 1974

[redacted]
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 186
Oxford, Mississippi 38655

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Dear [redacted]

You will recall that you visited my office last week in regard to a donation by my clients, [redacted] to the Campaign To Reelect Senator Eastland. I believe you thought this donation of \$200.00 was made by Yandell Bros. Gin, a Mississippi corporation.

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The subject donation was not made by a Mississippi corporation but rather was made by Yandell Brothers, a partnership composed of [redacted]
[redacted] Enclosed please find copy of check of Yandell Brothers dated November 1, 1972, which you requested I send to you.

I have been advised by [redacted] that a thorough investigation was made of the books of Yandell Bros. Gin, a Mississippi corporation, and no donation whatsoever was made by this gin to Senator Eastland.

Cordially yours,

HH:lcj

Enclosure

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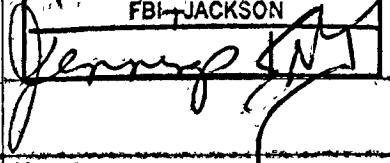
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W. [initials]

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 8/20/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/31 - 8/15/74
TITLE OF CASE JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY SA [redacted]	TYPED BY bdw
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	
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REFERENCES: Jackson airtel to New Orleans, 7/25/74.
New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 8/7/74.

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							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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Date Jackson, 8/22/74
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

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Report of:
Date:

SA [redacted]

8/20/74

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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Field Office File #: 56-337

Bureau File #:

Title: JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

On 8/15/74, [redacted]

[redacted] Gulf States Theatres, Inc., interviewed. [redacted]
 advised he made two \$500 contributions to Eastland campaign during 1972. [redacted] furnished copies of two checks showing contributions. Both checks drawn on Palace Theatre Co., which [redacted] advised is totally owned by him and is not a corporation. [redacted]
 cooperative.

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DETAILS

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

On July 31, 1974, contact at the office of [redacted]
 [redacted] Gulf States Theatre, Inc.,
 510 O'Keefe Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, revealed that [redacted]
 was away on a business trip and would not return to New Orleans until August 5, 1974.

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On August 5, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted the New Orleans Office, FBI, at which time he advised that he would not return to New Orleans until August 14, 1974. At this

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time [redacted] was advised that the FBI was conducting an investigation into the contributions made to the James O. Eastland campaign during 1972. [redacted] was advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice. [redacted] advised that he would be willing to discuss any contributions made by him to the Eastland campaign upon his return to New Orleans.

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[redacted] was contacted at 510 O'Keefe Avenue, New Orleans, which is the offices of Gulf States Theatres, Inc. [redacted] was immediately advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and that the interview concerned contributions made to the campaign of the U. S. Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND during 1972. [redacted] was further advised that the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice. [redacted] was thereafter advised of his rights as set forth on a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights". [redacted] read the form and voluntarily signed the form. He stated that he had absolutely nothing to hide and would be willing to discuss this matter fully with the agents.

[redacted] was further advised that this investigation concerned the contributions of corporations to the Eastland campaign. [redacted] advised that he was aware that it was a Federal violation for any corporation to contribute to the campaign of any Federal official. [redacted] then furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he is employed as [redacted] for Gulf States Theatres, Inc. which operates theatres in Louisiana as well as several other states including the state of Mississippi. He stated that Gulf States Theatres is a corporation which is wholly owned by Fuqua Industries of Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] advised that no contributions were made to any campaign by Gulf States Theatres, Inc.

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[redacted] advised that he himself had contributed \$1,000 to the campaign to re-elect Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND of Mississippi during 1972. [redacted] advised that he had located the two checks for \$500 each which made up the contribution. [redacted] then displayed the two checks to the agents.

Each of the checks was written in the amount of \$500 and made payable to the Eastland Campaign Fund. Each check was drawn on the account of Palace Theatre Company. The word "Donation" was located in the lower left hand corner of each check. Check #2311 was dated May 22, 1972, and

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by SA [redacted]

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Check #2644 was dated October 25, 1972.

[redacted] advised that it is nothing unusual for him to make personal contributions to political campaign. He stated that all the political contributions which he has made have been personal contributions and all have been made in the form of checks drawn on the Palace Theatre Company. He stated that Palace Theatre Company is actually [redacted]

[redacted] doing business as Palace Theatre Company". He advised that he is the sole owner of Palace Theatre Company and that Palace Theatre Company is not a corporation. He advised that only his personal business interests which are totally owned and operated by him are handled through Palace Theatre Company. [redacted] stated that no theatres whatsoever are owned or operated by him through the Palace Theatre Company.

[redacted] advised that the amount contributed to the Eastland campaign during 1972 would have been charged against his drawing account of the Palace Theatre Company. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Ernst and Ernst Public Accounting Firm prepared his Federal Income Tax Return for the year 1972. He stated that should it be necessary, he would have Ernst and Ernst provide information as to the exact handling of the two contributions in question.

[redacted] emphasized his willingness to cooperate fully on any questions concerning this matter.

[redacted] further furnished photostatic copies of checks numbered 2311 and 2644 which he had previously shown to the agents.

The interview was then terminated after the following description was obtained:

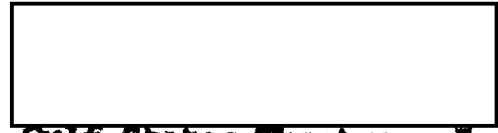
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Sex [redacted]
Date of birth [redacted]
Height 6 feet
Weight 160 lbs.
Hair Gray
Eyes Blue

White
Male
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted]

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Residence address

Employment



GULF STATES THEATRES, INC.
510 O'Keefe Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

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Attached are photostatic copies of checks numbered 2311 and 2644 drawn on the Palace Theatre Company, 510 O'Keefe Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, and made payable to the Eastland Campaign. The checks are dated May 22, 1972, and October 25, 1972, and both are written in the amount of \$500.

Both checks are signed by [redacted]
and were made available by SOLOMON during an interview on August 15, 1974.

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] JAR/bdw Date dictated 8/19/74
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PALACE THEATRE COMPANY
510 O'KEEFE ST.
NEW ORLEANS, LA. 70112

2644

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF Eastland Campaign

October 25, 1972 14-74
650

\$500.00

Five hundred and 00/100----- DOLLARS



INTERNATIONAL
CITY BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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PALACE THEATRE COMPANY
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70124

2311

PAY
TO THE
ORDER OF Eastland Campaign Fund

May 22 1972 14-74
650

\$500.00



INTERNATIONAL
CITY BANK AND
TRUST COMPANY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Donation

DOLLARS

010650007411 1044 105 80 00000 50000

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JACKSON, MISS.

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PAY ANY BANK
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
JACKSON, MISS.

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Date of transcription 8/22/74

On August 12, 1974, [redacted] telephonically contacted SA [redacted] and stated that after reviewing the records of the various companies owned by the [redacted] family, he determined that the only contribution to the James O. Eastland Campaign in 1972 was a \$250 contribution made May 30, 1972, by H. C. Bailey Company Realtors which is a partnership of [redacted]. The check was deposited by the James O. Eastland Campaign on June 6, 1972. H. C. Bailey Insurance, Inc., made no contribution to any election campaign.

[redacted] stated that he would mail to the Jackson Office of the FBI one copy of the check mentioned above.

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Interviewed on 8/12/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-56

by SA [redacted] cbw Date dictated 8/16/74

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On August 15, 1974, check number 407 dated May 30, 1972, in the amount of \$250, payable to JAMES O. EASTLAND, drawn by H. C. Bailey Company, Realtors, drawn on Deposit Guaranty National Bank, Jackson, Mississippi, Account Number 20-546-80, was received in U. S. mail without cover letter.

Interviewed on 8/15/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-57by SA [redacted] cbw Date dictated 8/21/74b6
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Date of transcription 9/4/74

[redacted] was interviewed at Bankers Trust Plaza, in the presence of his attorney, [redacted] [redacted] who is aware of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, immediately stated that he would decline to be interviewed; however, he wished to cooperate with the FBI.

[redacted] stated that in lieu of being interviewed he would have his attorney prepare a signed statement concerning a contribution to the James O. Eastland Campaign and mail that statement to the FBI in Jackson, Mississippi, along with copies of his 1972 income tax return and copies of the check used to make the campaign contribution in question.

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Interviewed on 9/4/74 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-58

by SA [redacted] cbw Date dictated 9/4/74

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 9/6/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/9/74 - 9/4/74
TITLE OF CASE JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	TYPED BY cbw
		CHARACTER OF CASE EL	

REFERENCES:

Jackson report of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS dated 8/9/74.
New Orleans report of SA [redacted] dated 8/20/74.

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Will submit closing report setting forth statement furnished
by [redacted] of Herrington Homes, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

All investigation requested in Bureau airtel to Jackson dated 7/19/74 has been completed except one interview with [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, who was contacted on 9/4/74 and indicated he would have his attorney prepare a statement in this matter and would submit the prepared statement to the FBI at a later date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
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Report of: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
Date: SEPTEMBER 6, 1974

Offices: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JACKSON 56-112

Bureau File #:

Title: JAMES O. EASTLAND
 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
 POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
 18 UNITED STATES CODE 610

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Additional contributors to the James O. Eastland Campaign fund interviewed in Mississippi and copies of checks obtained from some contributors as requested by the U. S. Department of Justice. Contributors interviewed and circumstances of each contribution obtained. No contributors admitted knowledge that corporate contributions were illegal. Some contributors explained the contribution was actually not a corporate contribution even though the contribution check was written on the corporation. One contributor to the campaign fund, [redacted] Herrington Homes, Inc., Jackson, Mississippi, advised he would have his attorney prepare a statement and would furnish the statement to the FBI at a later date.

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ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CRIMINAL DIVISION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

In addition to the 18 enclosures previously furnished in this matter with Jackson report dated August 9, 1974, there is also enclosed one copy each of the following:

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- 1) Check number 31688 for \$1,000 from John H. Moon and Sons, Inc.
- 2) Check number 4553 for \$200 from Yandell Brothers.
- 3) Check number 8869 for \$200 from Bright Homes, Inc.
- 4) Check number 4699 for \$500 from Enterprise Meat Company.
- 5) Check number 407 for \$250 from H. C. Bailey Company, Realtors.

DETAILS:

This report contains results of a limited investigation.

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As previously reported in this investigation
in report dated August 9, 1974, [redacted]
Attorney for Yandell Brothers Gin, Inc., Sumner,
Mississippi, was contacted on July 31, 1974, by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] to obtain
information regarding the \$200 contribution made to the
James O. Eastland Campaign Fund by Yandell Brothers
during 1972. [redacted] advised that he had no
knowledge of the Yandell Brothers Gin, Inc., making
a contribution to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund.
After consulting with his employer by telephone on
July 31, 1974, [redacted] indicated he would send
a photostatic copy of the \$200 contribution check to
the FBI.

By letter dated August 8, 1974, Attorney [redacted]
[redacted] advised as follows:

[redacted] On August 9, 1974, [redacted]
Bright Homes, Inc., 1600 United States
Highway 90, Gautier, Mississippi, was interviewed
by SA [redacted] and SA JOHN H. THOMPSON regarding
the 1972 contribution by Bright Homes, Inc., to the
James O. Eastland Campaign Fund. During the contact
on August 9, 1974, [redacted] indicated he would make
available a copy of the \$200 campaign contribution
check which check was received by the FBI subsequent
to the submission of the initial report in this matter
dated August 9, 1974.

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The following investigation was conducted by

SA [redacted]

On August 28, 1974, [redacted] Attorney-at-Law,
Jackson Mississippi, advised that his client, [redacted]
[redacted] would be available for interview on
September 4, 1974. Arrangements were made to interview
[redacted] on September 4, 1974.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

9/30/74

SAC, WFO (66-446) (RUC)

JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610
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Re Bureau airtel, 7/19/74.

As no investigation re captioned matter
has been requested at Washington, D.C., WFO considers this
case RUC.

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[redacted] Post Office Box 5630,
[redacted] furnished the Federal Bureau of
Investigation a prepared statement dated October 9, 1974,
through his attorney, [redacted] 101 Bankers Trust Plaza
Building, Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] had
previously been contacted in this matter on September 4,
1974, by an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation
and indicated at that time that he would have his attorney
prepare a statement in this matter.

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The statement of [redacted] is as follows:

Interviewed on 10/9/74 at Pearl, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-61

by SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS:ba

Date dictated 10/10/74

STATEMENT OF

I, [REDACTED] whose address is P. O. Box 5630^{b6}
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[REDACTED] do hereby make the following statement:

I am the [REDACTED] businesses, which includes
Clyde Herrington Real Estate, d/b/a Herrington Realty and
Herrington Homes, Inc., said corporation being [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] financial interest whatsoever in Herrington Homes, Inc.

We maintain two bank accounts at the Rankin County Bank,
one bank account styled Clyde Herrington Real Estate, and Her-
rington Homes, Inc. For many years it has been our practise
that whenever we run out of money in the Clyde Herrington Real
Estate Account, I quite often use funds out of Herrington Homes,
Inc. account until such time as the funds can be replenished,
since [REDACTED] corporation.

I gave a \$500.00 personal donation to the James O. East-
land campaign fund, and by mistake, my bookkeeper wrote the
\$500.00 campaign contribution out of the Herrington Homes, Inc.
account, however; it was my full intent for this to be a per-
sonal donation, as can be verified by personal entries by my
bookkeeper and my accounting firm, Denny, Denny, DeMiller and
Word. The bookkeeper charged this donation out of Herrington
Homes, Inc. immediately to me personally, as can be shown and
verified by my books, and can also be verified by my 1972 indi-
vidual Federal income tax, which shows that the donation was
charged to Clyde Herrington, individually. My bookkeeper made
the entry in the books charging this to me personally as soon
as the check was made. This definitely was a personal deduction
as shown by the books of Herrington Homes, Inc. and Clyde Her-
rington Real Estate bookkeeping systems, and can be verified
by my auditors and my accounting firm, Denny, Denny, DeMiller,
and Word, who are certified public accountants. This donation

to Senator James O. Eastland was a personal donation, and was strictly intended as such.

I hereby certify that I have made this statement of my own free will and accord, and that the statement herein given is true and correct as therein stated.

CERTIFIED on this 9th day of ^{October} September, 1974.

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REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 10/10/74	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/9 - 10/74
TITLE OF CASE JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	TYPED BY ba
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REFERENCES:

Jackson reports (2) of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, dated 8/9/74 and 9/6/74.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

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Report of: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS Office: JACKSON
Date: October 10, 1974

Field Office File #: JN 56-112 **Bureau File #:**

**JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
18 UNITED STATES CODE 610**

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Prepared statement of [redacted] P. O. Box 5630, [redacted] dated 10/9/74, furnished FBI, Jackson, Miss., by mail. Statement indicates \$500 contribution by [redacted] to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund was a personal donation and not a corporate contribution.

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This report contains results of a limited investigation.

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JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 1/17/75

FROM : SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
18 USC 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON

Re Jackson report of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS,
dated 8/9/74.

On 1/17/75, AUSA [redacted] telephonically contacted SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS at the Jackson Office and advised that the USDJ had telephoned him today, 1/17/75, and requested additional information in captioned matter.

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Departmental Attorneys, upon reviewing referenced report, desire to have additional interviews conducted at three different locations to determine whether or not the corporate checks which were issued to make contributions to the Eastland Campaign Fund were issued by mistake on the part of the bookkeeper at each company. If the checks were issued by mistake, interview appropriate official at each company for explanation of the mistake and how it was later rectified in their bookkeeping records.

The three companies from which this information is desired are as follows:

1) Bailey Homes, Inc.
4646 West Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, Mississippi
(see page 16 of referenced report; interview conducted by SAs [redacted])

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2) Ergon, Inc.
202 East Pearl St.
Jackson, Mississippi
(see page 63 of referenced report; interview by SAs [redacted])

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3) Star Chevrolet Company
228 First Street
Wiggins, Mississippi
(see page 50 of referenced report; interview by SA HURLEY)

Departmental Attorneys further requested that the FBI conduct additional investigation concerning two businesses to determine if the contributions made to the Senator Eastland Campaign Fund by corporate checks were considered corporate assets alienated. If these contributions were considered corporate assets alienated, interview appropriate officials at each company to determine how the contributions were handled on the books of the corporation or the personal account of the contributor.

The two businesses where the above information should be obtained are as follows:

1) Bright Homes
1600 U. S. Highway 90
Gautier, Mississippi
(see page 27 of referenced report; interview by SAs [REDACTED] and THOMPSON)

2) Coast T.V. Cable, Inc.
104 Jeff Davis Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi
(see page 32 of referenced report; interview by SA HURLEY)

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AUSA [REDACTED] requested that the above investigation be conducted promptly and a report submitted.

LEADS:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT BILOXI (HARRISON COUNTY), MISS.

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Conduct requested investigation at Baile
Homes, Inc.

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AT GAUTIER (JACKSON COUNTY), MISS.

Conduct requested investigation at Bright
Homes Company.

AT LONG BEACH (HARRISON COUNTY), MISS.

Conduct requested investigation at Coast T.V.
Cable, Inc.

AT WIGGINS (STONE COUNTY), MISS.

Conduct investigation at Star Chevrolet
Company as requested.

AT JACKSON (HINDS COUNTY), MISS.

Conduct requested investigation at Ergon,
Incorporated.

Furnish Advice of Rights Form to persons
interviewed and submit results promptly by FD-302.

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Date: 1/20/75

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FROM: JACKSON (56-112) (P)

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OF 18 USC 610; EL

RE JACKSON REPORTS OF SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS, AUG. 9, 1974,
SEPT. 6, 1974, AND OCT. 10, 1974.

ON JAN. 17, 1975, AUSA [redacted] JACKSON, MISS.,
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE JACKSON OFFICE OF THE FBI AND
ADVISED THAT THE U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE (USDJ) HAD TELEPHONED
HIM ON JAN. 17, 1975, AND REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION
IN CAPTIONED MATTER.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS, UPON REVIEWING REFERENCED REPORT,
DESIRE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AT THREE DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE CORPORATE CHECKS
WHICH WERE ISSUED TO MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EASTLAND CAMPAIGN
FUND WERE ISSUED BY MISTAKE ON THE PART OF THE BOOKKEEPER AT
EACH COMPANY. IF THE CHECKS WERE ISSUED BY MISTAKE, INTERVIEW
APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL AT EACH COMPANY FOR EXPLANATION OF THE
MISTAKE AND HOW IT WAS LATER RECTIFIED IN THEIR BOOKKEEPING
RECORDS.

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THE THREE COMPANIES FROM WHICH THIS INFO IS DESIRED ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1) BAILEY HOMES, INC., 4646 WEST BEACH BOULEVARD, BILOXI, MISS.; 2) ERGON, INC., 202 EAST PEARL STREET, JACKSON, MISS.; 3) STAR CHEVROLET COMPANY, 228 FIRST STREET, WIGGINS, MISS.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTORNEYS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT THE FBI CONDUCT ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING TWO BUSINESSES TO DETERMINE IF THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE SENATOR EASTLAND CAMPAIGN FUND BY CORPORATE CHECKS WERE CONSIDERED CORPORATE ASSETS ALIENATED. IF THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE CONSIDERED CORPORATE ASSETS ALIENATED, INTERVIEW APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AT EACH COMPANY TO DETERMINE HOW THE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE HANDLED ON THE BOOKS OF THE CORPORATION OR THE PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE CONTRIBUTOR.

THE TWO BUSINESSES WHERE THE ABOVE INFO SHOULD BE OBTAINED ARE AS FOLLOWS: 1) BRIGHT HOMES, 1600 U.S. HWY. 90, GAUTIER, MISS.; 2) COAST T.V. CABLE, INC., 104 JEFF DAVIS AVE., LONG BEACH, MISS.

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BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS AUSA STRANGE'S REQUEST
WITH THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF THE USDJ TO DETERMINE WHAT
ACTION, IF ANY, IS DESIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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TO JACKSON (56-112)
FROM DIRECTOR (56-4960)

JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE; POSSIBLE
VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610; ELECTION LAWS:

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CRIMINAL DIVISION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, REQUESTED
THAT THE LIMITED INVESTIGATION AS SET OUT IN RETEL BE
CONDUCTED.

ADVISE FBIHQ IN THE EVENT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS
REQUESTED BY AUSA.

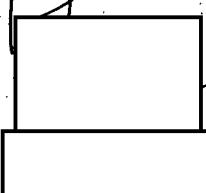
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OF RECEIPT OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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[redacted] Coast TV Cable, Incorporated, 104 Jefferson Davis Avenue, Long Beach, Mississippi, was contacted at his place of business, advised of the identity of the interviewing FBI Special Agent and the nature of the inquiry, which concerned a check in the amount of \$150.00, payable to James O. Eastland Campaign Fund, drawn on Coast TV Cable, Incorporated account. [redacted] was furnished an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form, which he read, stated he understood, then signed. He thereafter furnished the following information:

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[redacted] Coast TV Cable, Incorporated. [redacted] a Long Beach, Mississippi attorney, who [redacted] declined to identify. [redacted] advised he was [redacted] employed in the construction business [redacted] Construction Company); and when he had that business, he had "no corporate rules" and he "lived out of the bank account" of the construction company. In 1967, [redacted] the construction business [redacted]

He advised since [redacted] firm, he can see nothing wrong with writing checks on the firm's account although he does maintain a personal bank account. Concerning the above-mentioned check for \$150.00, [redacted] stated when he wrote it, he had no idea whatsoever he might be in violation of any law. He stated the minority [redacted] of his firm had knowledge of and concurred with his writing the check on the firm's account. [redacted] stated he had no intention whatsoever of violating any law when he wrote the check.

[redacted] stated he meant the \$150.00 to be a personal contribution even though it was written on his firm's account. He pointed out that even though, at the time, he did not consider it a mistake to write the check on the firm's account, he agreed this check could be considered as "corporate assets alienated,"

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even though he does not use that terminology. He stated there was no effort to hide the transaction in the books. He reiterated that the [redacted] the firm is fully aware of and concurs with his business practices.

[redacted] again stated he had no intention of violating any law when he wrote the check.

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Date of transcription 1/31/75

Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed at 202 East Pearl Street. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents, the nature of the interview, and of his rights as contained on an unexecuted "Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form". [redacted] telephonically contacted his attorney, name not furnished, and thereafter stated that he was willing to be interviewed; however, he declined to execute the form. [redacted] thereafter furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that in 1972, when he contributed \$2,000 to the James O. Eastland Campaign, he instructed his staff to prepare a check for that amount. In prior years, campaign contributions had been written on his corporate account, and therefore in 1972 his staff prepared the check in the same manner. There was no mistake on the part of his staff. The mistake was [redacted] in that, he was ignorant of the change in the law and did not keep himself abreast of the revisions in the law. [redacted] instructions to his staff did not specifically cite which account the check was to be written on; however, due to past practice, his staff reasonably assumed that he was instructing that the corporate account be used rather than his own personal account.

[redacted] stated that he first became aware of the fact that a technical violation in the campaign laws had occurred when he was interviewed by representatives of the FBI on August 8, 1974. [redacted] then made inquiry of his Certified Public Accounting firm, Heggerman, Roper, Heddix, and Reed, and determined that they had prepared the Ergon, Incorporated, income tax returns for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, showing the \$2,000 contribution as an expense of the corporation not legally deductible as a corporate expense. This was shown on Schedule M of the Ergon, Incorporated Income Tax Return.

[redacted] stated that he has not corrected the mistake through amended income tax returns or through ledger entries

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 by 9M SAs and [redacted] JDM/val Date dictated 1/31/75

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on the corporate books. He has not done this because he felt it could be interpreted as a "cover up". He stated that he would make correcting entries if that was what he was "suppose to do" and requested advice of interviewing Agents. [redacted] was advised that the interviewing Agents could not advise him concerning this matter. [redacted] then stated that he would comply with whatever instructions the U. S. Department of Justice might give him concerning correction of the corporate records or income tax returns.

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Date of transcription January 31, 1975

[redacted] Bright Homes, Incorporated, 1600 U. S. Highway 90, was contacted at his place of employment, at which time he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and that the nature of the investigation concerned a possible violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 610, as it pertains to contributions by corporations to the Campaign Committee of United States Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND. Prior to any questioning [redacted] was advised of his rights by SA [redacted] which he stated he understood and wished to waive as indicated by the executed Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form. He thereafter furnished the following oral information:

Concerning Check Number 8869 issued by Bright Homes, Incorporated, on May 12, 1972, to the JAMES EASTLAND Campaign Fund in the amount of \$200, [redacted] advised that this check was issued by him out of his corporation account. [redacted] advised that while he personally considered the contribution as a personal donation, he realizes that technically and legally this check was issued by his corporation, of which he is President. No effort was made by him or any member of his corporation to separate this contribution from the corporate funds in any way. [redacted] concluded by stating that he would not have issued this check in this manner if he had been fully aware of the law at that time.

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 by Bj SA [redacted] BDL/mae Date dictated 1/30/75

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Date of transcription 2/4/75

At approximately 4:55 p.m., SA [redacted] was telephonically contacted at the Gulfport Resident Agency of the FBI by a female who identified herself as [redacted] Bailey Homes, Inc., 4646 West Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi. She stated that she had been instructed by [redacted] of Bailey Homes, Inc., to correct an error that he had made concerning the payment of a campaign contribution. She stated that due to the large number of corporate checks written by Bailey Homes, Inc., it would greatly facilitate her search for this check if the interviewing Agent would furnish her the date and check number. She was advised by the interviewing Agent that this check may be numbered 15845 on the Bailey Homes, Inc., dated May 29, 1972.

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by SA [redacted] msp Date dictated 1/31/75

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On January 27, 1975, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted Bailey Homes, Inc., 4646 West Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi, telephone number 388-4430, for the purpose of obtaining an appointment with [redacted] of Bailey Homes, Inc. [redacted] answered the telephone and was reminded of the personal and official identity of the interviewing Agent and asked if an appointment could be obtained with him to discuss the \$500 check written from Bailey Homes, Inc., to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND, which matter had previously been discussed with [redacted] on August 1, 1974.

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[redacted] stated that due to previous commitments it would be very inconvenient for him to meet with the interviewing Agent within the next several days. He stated he had no objection to discussing this matter on the telephone at the present time. [redacted] was reminded that he had previously been shown an "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" form which he had read and stated he understood. He was then orally read a copy of this same form and stated again that he did understand his rights and he desired to discuss this matter at this particular time.

[redacted] advised that there is no question but that check number 15845, written on the account of Bailey Homes, Inc., at the Gulf National Bank, in the amount of \$500, payable to JAMES O. EASTLAND, and signed by himself was written on a corporate account. [redacted] stated that this is entirely his error which he stated was an honest mistake since he is aware that corporate campaign contributions are illegal. He stated he would take full responsibility for this error. He stated that he felt this matter was over and done with and he does not believe that this matter was ever rectified by transferring funds from his personal account to the corporate account in order to cover the amount of this check. However, he stated he is certain that no income tax deduction was made for the amount of this check. He stated that he will make efforts to have this error rectified on this date but that his present bookkeeper may not be well versed enough in

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bookkeeping practices to correct this error but he will contact his bookkeeper in Jackson to make sure that it is done properly.

[redacted] was very courteous and stated he appreciated being able to discuss this matter on the telephone but would be happy to discuss this matter again in person with the interviewing Agent at any future time that would be mutually convenient.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/4/75

[redacted] Star Chevrolet, Inc.,
238 First Street, was contacted at his place of business
and he advised he has been [redacted] for this firm
for the past [redacted] years. He advised he is familiar with
the \$200 contribution that [redacted]
Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., made in May, 1972, to the
James O. Eastland Campaign Fund. He stated he recalls
the matter because he had to look up the check in the
summer of 1974 when an inquiry was made about the check
by an Agent of the FBI.

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He stated that possibly [redacted] told him to
make out a check to the Eastland Campaign Fund and he made
out the check on the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc.,
rather than from [redacted] personal checking account.
He stated he did not recall specifically if [redacted] told him to
make out the check or one of the other employees in the
office. He stated that one could not tell who had made
out the check because the check was made out on a typewriter
and then it had been given to [redacted] to sign.

Interviewed on 2/4/75 at Wiggins, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-72

SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES:cbw Date dictated 2/4/75

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/4/75

ROBERT P. REGAN, President, Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., 228 First Street, was contacted at his place of business. He was advised as to the identity of SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES. He was furnished with a form entitled "Interrogation; Advice of Rights" and he was advised by SA GRAVES that the Agent wanted him to understand his rights prior to the interview. REGAN declined to sign the form; however, he advised he would talk with the Agent. He thereafter furnished the following information:

He is familiar with the \$200 contribution he made to the James O. Eastland Campaign Fund in May, 1972. He advised as he advised when he was interviewed by an FBI Agent in the past that he probably told his

[redacted] to make out the check and [redacted] handled the check out of the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., account rather than from his personal checking account. He advised that this was a mistake on the part of his [redacted] and he did not catch the mistake and his auditor never brought the matter to his attention. He advised that this matter has not been rectified in his bookkeeping records; however, he will see that his auditor does rectify this matter.

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b7CInterviewed on 2/4/75 at Wiggins, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-73by SA BENJAMIN F. GRAVES:cbw Date dictated 2/4/75

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 2/4/75	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/21/75 - 2/4/75
TITLE OF CASE JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF 18 USC 610		REPORT MADE BY SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	TYPED BY cbw
		CHARACTER OF CASE EL	<i>2/5/75</i>

REFERENCES:

Jackson reports of SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS dated 8/9/74,
9/6/74 and 10/10/74.

Jackson teletype to Bureau dated 1/20/75.
Bureau teletype to Jackson dated 1/21/75.

ADMINISTRATIVE:-

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
							PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
APPROVED	<i>ZCH</i>				SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to: 1 - USA, Oxford, Mississippi
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Report of: SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS
Date: FEBRUARY 4, 1975

Office: JACKSON

Field Office File #: JACKSON 56-112

Bureau File #: 56-4960

Title: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
18, UNITED STATES CODE, 610

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis: Additional investigation requested by the U. S. Department of Justice on 1/21/75 at three locations to determine if corporate checks issued to campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND were issued by mistake and at two other locations to determine if the contributions to the Eastland Campaign Fund were considered "corporate assets alienated."

Ergon, Inc., Jackson, Miss., advised corporate check for \$2,000 paid to campaign fund was his own mistake and on 1/31/75 advised that he transferred the \$2,000 from his personal account into the Ergon, Inc., account to correct this mistake.

Bailey Homes, Inc., Biloxi, Miss., advised that \$500 contribution to campaign fund of Senator EASTLAND was his own error. He advised he did have the error rectified on 1/27/75 and his [redacted] confirmed that she had been advised by [redacted] to correct the error and change this \$500 to a personal contribution.

President, Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., Wiggins, Miss., advised that he told his [redacted] to make out the check to the Eastland Campaign Fund and she made it from the Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., account rather than from his personal account. He said this was a mistake and his auditor did not notice the mistake. It has not been rectified as of 2/4/75; however, [redacted] indicated he will see that his auditor does rectify this matter.

Bright Homes, Inc., Gautier, Miss., advised that the \$200 contribution to the Eastland Campaign Fund was made out of a corporate account but he considered it a personal donation and no effort has been made to separate the contribution from the corporate funds in any way.

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Coast TV Cable Company, Inc., Long Beach, Miss.. advised on 1/28/75 [redacted] company and contributed \$150 from his corporation to the Eastland Campaign Fund. He explained that he had "no corporate rules" and "lived out of the bank account" (corporate account). He claims he had no knowledge that this contribution was a violation of the law and the [redacted] had knowledge of the contribution and concurred in the \$150 contribution. This donation could be considered "corporate assets alienated" even though [redacted] does not use this terminology.

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DETAILS:

This report contains the results of a limited investigation.

Additional investigation was requested by the U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., on January 21, 1975, at three locations in Mississippi to determine if the corporate checks issued to the campaign fund of Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND were issued by mistake and two other locations to determine if the contributions to the Eastland Campaign Fund were considered "corporate assets alienated."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/31/75

On January 31, 1975, [redacted]
Ergon Incorporated, telephonically contacted
SA [redacted] stated that he had consulted
with his attorney and would like to make it known as a
matter of record that on January 31, 1975, he transferred
\$2,000 from his personal account to the account of Ergon,
Incorporated, to reimburse the corporation for a \$2,000
contribution made in 1972 to the James O. Eastland
Campaign which properly should have been made from his
own funds.

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b7CInterviewed on 1/31/75 at Jackson, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112by SA [redacted] :ba Date dictated 1/31/75

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Date: JUNE 12, 1975

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Via TELETYPEURGENT NITEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (56-4960)
 FROM: SAC, JACKSON (56-112)
 JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE; POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
 TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610 EL, OO: JN.

RE REPORTS OF SA SAMUEL N. JENNINGS DATED AUGUST 9, 1974,
 AND FEBRUARY 4, 1975, AT JACKSON.

ON JUNE 12, 1975, AUSA [redacted] SOUTHERN

DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI, FURNISHED THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING
 TEN CORPORATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE:

BRIGHT HOMES, INC.

C & F CONTRACTING, INC. ✓

GUEST TV CABLE, INC.

COOK-COGGIN ENGINEERS, INC.

✓CRAWLER PARTS, INC.

✓ENTERPRISE MEAT, INC.

EPPERSON - TUBB CHEVROLET, INC.

JOHN H. MOON AND SONS, INC.

✓SMITH-ROBERTS, INC.

STAR CHEVROLET, INC.

[redacted] REQUESTED THAT THE MATTER BE HANDLED

(1) JACKSON (56-112)

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Approved: _____ Sent: 17⁴⁵ P.M. Per: *Ratcliff*
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EXPEDITIOUSLY BY THE FBI AND THAT THE ABOVE FIRMS BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO HAVING THE CONTRIBUTIONS CHARGED TO THEIR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OR TO REPAY THE CORPORATION. HE FURTHER REQUESTED TO HAVE THE CORPORATIONS VERIFY IN WRITING TO THE FBI THAT THE "ERROR" HAS BEEN RECTIFIED.

BUREAU AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION
REQUESTED BY AUSA [redacted]
END.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA WAYNE P. TICHENOR

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted], SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

John H. Moon and Sons, Incorporated
Highway 51 North
Ridgeland, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
ERRR been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA TICHENOR are Serials 31 and 48
of previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

Tom Brown

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: REESIE L. TIMMONS

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

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Smith - Roberts, Incorporated
Mc Comb, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
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[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA TIMMONS are Serials 32 and 33 of
previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT MC COMB (PIKE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA J. L. MARTIN

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

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[redacted] Enterprise Meat, Incorporated
Highway 11 North
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

544-6312

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
been rectified.

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[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA MARTIN is Serial 20 of previous
contact at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT HATTIESBURG (FORREST COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
HMR/gah
(2)

Dated 6/11/75
Hattiesburg
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
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On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

Cook Coggin Engineers, Incorporated
703 Crossover Road
Tupelo, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
error
been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA [redacted] is Serial 38 of previous
contact at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT TUPELO (LEE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: [redacted]

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
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OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

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On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

C and F Contracting, Incorporated
Plant Road
Tupelo, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "error" has
been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA [redacted] is Serial 42 of previous
contact at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT TUPELO (LEE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA FRANK B. WATTS

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

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Star Chevrolet, Incorporated
228 First Street
Wiggins, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA WATTS are Serials 21, 72 and 73,
of previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT WIGGINS (STONE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm, re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
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TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
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On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

Bright Homes, Incorporated
1600 U. S. Highway 90
Gautier, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
been rectified.

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[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA [redacted] are Serials 46 and 69 of
previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT GAUTIER (JACKSON COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

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SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
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On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

Coast TV Cable, Incorporated
104 Jefferson Davis Avenue
Long Beach, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA [redacted] are Serials 40 and 67
of previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT LONG BEACH (HARRISON COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

② - Jackson
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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)
ATTENTION: SA ANTHONY L. CHRISTY

DATE: 6/16/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

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Crawler Parts, Incorporated
Highway 80 East
Pearl, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heat" has
been rectified.

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[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA CHRISTY are Serials 36 and 45
of previous contacts at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT PEARL, MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 6/16/75

ATTENTION: SA [redacted]

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

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SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
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ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
BUDED: 6/20/75

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] SDM, Jackson,
furnished the names of ten firms in Mississippi, one of
which being:

Epperson - Tubb Chevrolet, Incorporated
278 West
Amory, Mississippi

[redacted] requested that this firm be contacted
by telephone to determine if they are agreeable to having
the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to
repay the corporation. He further requested to have the
corporation verify in writing to the FBI that the "heir" has
been rectified.

[redacted] further requested that the matter be
handled in an expedite manner.

Enclosed for SA [redacted] is Serial 47 of previous
contact at the above firm.

LEAD:

JACKSON DIVISION

AT AMORY (MONROE COUNTY), MISSISSIPPI

Contact above firm re USA's request.

(2) - Jackson
HMR/gah
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To: SAC, Jackson (56-112)
 From: Director, FBI (56-4960)

JAMES O. EASTLAND
 CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
 POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF
 TITLE 18, U. S. CODE, SECTION 610
 ELECTION LAWS

ReJNtel, 6/12/75, and Butelcal, 6/13/75.

Criminal Division, USDJ, requested that additional limited investigation be conducted.

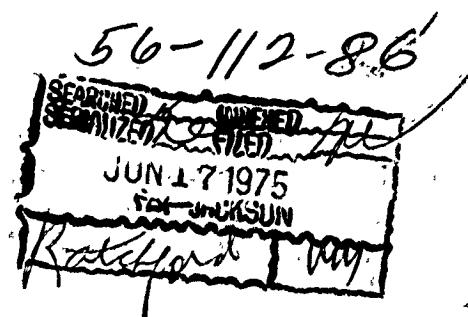
Surep within 14 days of receipt of this communication.

Advise FBIHQ in the event further investigation is requested by AUSA.

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Phones 842-0635 844-2866

C & F Contracting Company, Inc.

* ASPHALT PAVING *

P. O. BOX 10

TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI 38801

June 18, 1975

Mr. Donald T. Sullivan
Special Agent in charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 1450
Jackson, Miss. 39205

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The records of C & F Contracting Co., Inc., show a donation of \$500.00 to James O. Eastland campaign. This check was written on C & F Contracting Co., Inc.'s account with the Bank of Amory, Amory, Mississippi. Since that time in accordance with title 18, section 610 of the US code the \$500.00 has been taken off C & F Contracting Co., Inc.'s books and charged to me personally.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature area]

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C. & E Contracting Company, Inc.
ASPHALT PAVING
P. O. BOX 10
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI 38801



Mr. Donald T. Sullivan
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
P.O. Box 1450
Jackson, Miss. 39205

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON 56-112)(P)

DATE: 6/19/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18, USC, SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
OO:JN
BUDED 6/20/75

Re Jackson memo of SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD dated 6/16/75

Inquiry was made at Epperson Chevrolet, Amory, Miss., on 6/19/75 and it was determined that [redacted] was in Europe on vacation and the exact date of his arrival was not known, however it was felt that he would return within the next two weeks.

A message was left for him to contact the FBI in Columbus upon his return.

It should be noted he is well acquainted with both RA's in Columbus.

In view of the fact SA [redacted] will be on AL during the first part of July it is recommended this lead be reassigned to SA LYNN P. SMITH.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

COOK COGGIN ENGINEERS, INC.



June 18, 1975

703 CROSSOVER ROAD
TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI 38801
TELEPHONE 842-7381

Mr. Donald T. Sullivan
Special Agent in Charge
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P. O. Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Our records reveal that on 10-31-72 a political contribution was made to the campaign fund of Senator James O. Eastland in the amount of \$200. A \$200 check was drawn on the account of Cook-Coggin Engineers, Inc., 703 Crossover Road, Tupelo, Mississippi and signed by Leland B. Cook.

Since the firm has learned that such a contribution is a possible violation of Title 18, Section 610, United States Code, the \$200 contribution has been repaid to the corporate account and I have charged the \$200 contribution to my personal account.



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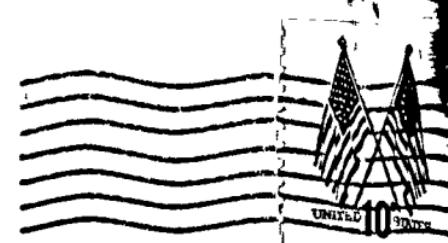


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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112)(P)

DATE: 6/23/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF TITLE 18 USC. SECTION 610
ELECTION LAWS
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ReMemo to SAC of SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD dated 6/16/75.

Efforts to make telephonic contact with [redacted]
[redacted] Coast TV Cable, Inc. per instructions in reMemo, were
made with negative results 6/18, 6/19 and 6/20/75.

On 6/23/75 [redacted] (supra) was contacted telephonically
re this matter. He agreed in the matter of the \$150 campaign
contribution to having it charged to his personal checking account
rather than his corporate account and he further agreed to verify
in writing that such "error" has been rectified.

[redacted] advised he would direct his letter to SAC, FBI
in Jackson.

In view of the foregoing, no further action being taken at
Gulfport.

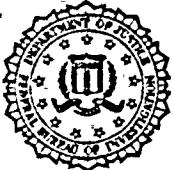
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Post Office Box 1450
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
June 25, 1975

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. JN 56-112

Mr. Robert E. Hauberg
United States Attorney
Post Office Box 2091
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]
Assistant United States Attorney

Dear Mr. Hauberg:

RE: JAMES O. EASTLAND,
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE;
POSSIBLE VIOLATION
OF TITLE 18, UNITED
STATES CODE, SECTION 610;
ELECTION LAWS

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Assistant United States Attorney [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Southern District of Mississippi, on June 24,
1975, advised Special Agent Reesie L. Timmons that his
office received a letter June 24, 1975, from Attorney
[REDACTED] McComb, Mississippi, wherein
Attorney [REDACTED] advised him that the records of Smith -
Roberts, Inc., McComb, Mississippi, had been corrected
to show the campaign contribution was charged to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] personally and not to Smith - Roberts, Inc.

Very truly yours,

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DONALD T. SULLIVAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 6/26/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18 USC, SECTION 610
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OO: JACKSON

On 6/12/75, AUSA [redacted] furnished attached note and list of corporations concerning captioned matter.

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He recommended that the numbers that are circled, totaling 10, be contacted by telephone and to see if they are agreeable to having the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to repay the corporation. He requested to have them to verify in writing to the FBI that the error has been rectified.

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Contact the ten I have numbered - by telephone - and see if they are agreeable to having the contributions charged to their personal account or to repay the corporation. Have them to verify in writing that the 'error' has been rectified.

James O Eastland Campaign Committee, Sep 5, 1964

*Election Laws
18 U.S.C. 610*

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CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	FACTS
Bailey Homes, Inc.	500	Corporation check used to make the contribution. [redacted] corporation maintains that this was merely an error, and the contribution was intended to have come from a partnership account maintained by [redacted]
Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Inc.	1,000	Corporation check used to make the contribution, but contribution was charged against the account of [redacted] who does not maintain his own checking account, and uses the corporation account to pay all his personal bills.
Bradshaw & Hoover Insurance Agency, Inc.	200	Corporation check used to make the contribution. [redacted] corporation, maintains that the contribution was charged against his personal account. He will provide a copy of the pertinent documents upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.
Brickell Insurance, Inc.	139	This was not a contribution, but a refund of the unexpired amount on an insurance policy taken out by the committee.
Bright Homes, Inc.	200	Contribution made by corporation check. Bureau did not elicit any further information.
C & F Contracting, Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check. [redacted] corporation maintains that he was unaware that a contribution made through the corporation was illegal, and that he considered the contribution a personal one, and would have made it as such had he been aware of the law. This contribution was unsolicited by the committee.
Coast 2 N Cable, Inc.	150	Contribution made by corporation check. Bureau did not elicit any further information.

CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	FACTS
Book Coggin Engineers, Inc.	200	Contribution made by corporation check. [redacted] [redacted] the corporation relates that [redacted] agreed to make the contribution, and were merely unaware that it was not proper to make the contribution through the corporation. <i>(4)</i> <i>2 p.33 b b</i>
Crawler Parts, Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check. Crawler Parts, Inc., is a small family corporation, all of [redacted] agreed to make the contribution, and were unaware that it was not proper to have the corporation make the contribution. <i>(5)</i> <i>3 p.35-38 b b</i>
De Jean Packing Co., Inc.	1,000	This company was not incorporated at the time the contribution was made. <i>2</i>
Delta Fisheries, Inc.	300	Corporation check used to make the contribution. [redacted] claims that this contribution, as well as the one made on the corporation account of Thompson Anderson Enterprises, Inc., were charged to him personally. He is the [redacted] corporations. <i>7</i>
Enterprise Meat, Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check. [redacted] corporation, [redacted] stated that he felt Eastland was doing a good job, and he wanted to support him. He did not know that a contribution by the corporation would be illegal. <i>6</i> <i>4 p.42 b b</i>
Epperson-Tubb Chevrolet, Inc.	200	Contribution made by corporation check. At time of the contribution the corporation was [redacted] but is now [redacted] who authorized the contribution. [redacted] stated that he did not know that it was illegal for the corporation to contribute, and that the contribution was from the corporation, and not from him, personally. <i>7</i> <i>5 b b</i>

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CONTRIBUTOR	AMOUNT	FACTS
Bergin, Inc.	2,000	Contribution made by corporation check. [redacted] corporation maintains that the issuance of this contribution out of the corporation account, rather than from his personal account was merely a mistake of [redacted] The check is signed only with a stamped facsimile of [redacted] signature, and he maintains that all taxes were paid on this money by the corporation. <i>Rectified (7B1-24-75)</i> <i>Corp. ck.</i>
H C Bailey Insurance, Inc.	250	Incorrect contributor listed. The contribution was from H C Bailey Company, Realtors, a partnership, which is also [redacted] as owns the listed contributor.
Harrington Homes, Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check, but immediately charged to donor's personal account. [redacted] corporation, and personal income taxes were paid on the \$500.
Jitney Jungle, Inc.	1,000	Contribution made by corporation check, but charged to donor's account when the corporation's counsel informed the donor that a corporate donation violated state law. This reimbursement occurred prior to the instigation of this investigation.
John H Moon & Sons, Inc.	1,000	Contribution made by corporation check. Donor, [redacted] corporation maintains that he was unaware that corporations could not contribute, and would have made a personal contribution had he known. <i>(8)</i> <i>6/68</i> <i>b b</i>
McRee, Dardaman, Kennington, Inc.	300	Contribution made by corporation check, but the personal account of each of the [redacted] was charged for 1/3 of the contribution, or \$100 each.
Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.	1,100	Contribution made by corporation check, but this was merely a convenient means of conveying numerous small personal employee contributions which had been turned over to the corporation prior to the issuance of the corporate check.

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Mississippi Pump & Equipment	500	Could not locate the check used to make this contribution in the corporate records for the period January-July, 1972.
Molpus Lumber Co., Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporate check, but corporation 100% owned by the donor who considered the contribution to be a personal one, and treated it as such for income tax purposes.
Palace Theater Co., Inc.	500 & 500	This is not a corporation, and was incorrectly listed as such on the Committee's reports to the Secretary of the Senate.
Patterson Morris Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check, but the donors informed the Committee that this was being charged to their personal accounts with the corporation prior to the acceptance of the contribution by the committee.
Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Co., Inc.	500	Contribution made by corporation check, but merely as a convenient method of transmittal of numerous small contributions by the company's employees.
Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co., Inc.	400	Contribution made by corporation check, but merely as a convenient method of transmittal of numerous small contributions by employees of the corporation.
Smith Roberts, Inc. <i>p. 48 & 97.</i>	500 <i>b b</i>	Contribution made by corporation check. Donor [redacted] corporation, who maintains that he was unaware that a corporation could not make a contribution.
Star Chevrolet, Inc. <i>Has not been rectified but said she would.</i>	200 <i>4</i>	Contribution made by corporation check. Robert Regan, President of the corporation, maintains that he has, in the past, made personal contributions to the Eastland campaigns, and that [redacted] merely errored in writing this check on the corporation account.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 6/26/75

FROM : SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 18 USC, SECTION 610
EL
OO: JACKSON

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He recommended that the numbers that are circled, totaling 10, be contacted by telephone and to see if they are agreeable to having the contributions charged to their personal accounts or to repay the corporation. He requested to have them to verify in writing to the FBI that the error has been rectified.

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On June 30, 1975, a letter was received at the Gulfport, Mississippi, Resident Agency, addressed to Special Agent FRANK B. WATTS, from Mr. ROBERT P. REGAN, President, Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., Wiggins, Mississippi. A copy of this letter is attached and the original is maintained in the Jackson office of the FBI.

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CHEVROLET MAKES SENSE FOR AMERICA

STAR CHEVROLET COMPANY, INC.
228 FIRST STREET
WIGGINS, MISS. 39577

June 23, 1975

Frank Watts
F.B.I. Office
Drawer D
Gulfport, Ms.

Re: Contribution to Senator Eastling
Campaign Fund

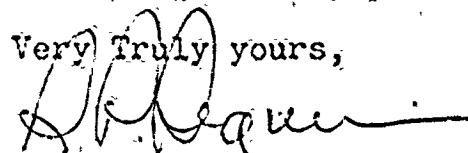
Dear Sir:

On May 9, 1972 a contribution was made to the above captioned campaign fund. At this time I had intended to make this a personal contribution, but in error my [redacted] failed to charge this to my personal account.

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This is to advise that this error has been corrected, and this amount has been charged to my personal Account.

Very Truly yours,


R.F. Regan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription June 24, 1975

ROBERT P. REGAN, President, Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., 228 First Street, telephonically advised that in regard to a \$200 contribution he made to the JAMES O. EASTLAND campaign fund in May, 1972, he wished to state that this check was drawn on the account of Star Chevrolet Company, Inc., by mistake and should have been drawn on his personal checking account.

He advised that he has rectified this mistake, has this contribution now coming from his personal checking account, and was submitting a letter to the FBI to this effect.

Interviewed on 6/20/75 at Wiggins, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-93

by SA FRANK B. WATTS /blw Date dictated 6/20/75

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, (56-112)

DATE: 7/3/75

FROM : SA J.L. MARTIN

SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
KM CAMPAGIN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF
TITLE 18 SECTION 610
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On 7/3/75 [redacted] Enterprise Meat Company advised he would write a personal check to the Corp. for 500 dollars and thereafter send a letter to the FBI advising them that the error had been corrected.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, JACKSON (56-112) (P)

DATE: 7/3/75

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: JAMES O. EASTLAND
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
POSSIBLE VIOLATION
OF TITLE 18, USC,
SECTION 610,
ELECTION LAWS
OO: JACKSON
(BUDED 6/20/75)

Re Jackson memo of SA HAROLD M. RATCHFORD,
6/16/75.

On 6/18/75, [redacted]
C & F Contracting Co., Plant Rd., Tupelo, Miss., advised
that he was agreeable to having the campaign contribution
to Senator JAMES O. EASTLAND's campaign fund charged to
his personal account and repay the corporate account.

[redacted] advised that a letter would be
prepared to the FBI stating that this has been done.

On 6/18/75, [redacted] Cook
Coggin Engineers, Inc., 703 Crossover Rd., Tupelo, Miss.,
advised that his firm was agreeable to having the con-
tributions to the campaign fund of JAMES O. EASTLAND be
paid to the corporate account and a personal check issued
the personal account.

[redacted] stated that a letter will be directed
to the FBI stating that this has been done.

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Date of transcription 7/10/75

[redacted] Epperson Chevrolet Company, Highway 278, Amory, Mississippi, who is aware of the identity of the interviewing Agent, was advised of the nature of the inquiry and furnished a Warning and Waiver of Rights form, which he stated he would decline to sign as he had already signed one regarding this matter.

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[redacted] furnished the following voluntary signed statement:

"Amory, Miss.
July 7, 1975

"I, [redacted] make the following voluntary signed statement to Lynn P. Smith who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threat, promises, or inducements have been made to me to get me to make this statement and I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law.

"I [redacted] Epperson Chevrolet Company, Highway 278 West, Amory, Mississippi.

"This is to advise that I have charged to my personal account the amount of \$200.00 which was made as a contribution to the campaign of James O. Eastland when this firm was known as the Epperson Tubb Chevrolet, Inc.

"I have read this statement of this and one more page and it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"Witnessed:

/s/ Lynn P. Smith, Sp. Agt., FBI, Columbus, Miss.,
7/7/75."

Interviewed on 7/7/75 at Amory, Mississippi File # Jackson 56-112-96

by SA LYNN P. SMITH/sh

Date dictated 7/8/75